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SUBJECT: SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ACOMMODATION IN WELLINGTON,  
NEW ZEALAND

1. During the coming months, Wellington will become increasingly popular in the events arena with more cultural and sporting events being scheduled, creating a shortage in hotel accommodations.

Particularly difficult periods include:

6 - 20 April Art/Culture Events  
12 May - 4 June Art/Culture Events  
20 - 24 July Sporting Events  
22 - 30 September Art/Culture Event  
27 Oct - 5 November Sporting Events

2. Official visitors are encouraged to confirm their travel plans during these periods as far in advance as possible. Travel orders should contain authorization for actual subsistence, as lodging within per diem rates during this time could be difficult to obtain.

All non-essential travel to Wellington during the above periods should be carefully considered.

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